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THE
CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES
OF THE
PILGRIM SOCIETY,

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.



**An Act to incorporate the
PILGRIM SOCIETY.**

SEC. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That John Watson, Joshua Thomas, Beza Hayward, William Davis, and Barnabas Hedge, together with such others, as now are or hereafter may be associated with them, for the purpose of procuring in the town of Plymouth, a suitable lot, or plat of ground, for the erection of a Monument, to perpetuate the memory of the virtues, the enterprize, and unparalleled sufferings of their ancestors, who first settled in that ancient town ; and for the erection of a suitable Building, for the accommodation of the meetings of said associates ; which Monument and Building shall, forever, be free from taxation, (while the property of said corporation,) be, and they hereby are incorporated into a society, by the name of the PILGRIM SOCIETY ; and by that name shall be a corporation forever ; with power to have a common seal, to make contracts, relative to the object of their institution, to sue and be sued, to establish by-laws for

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES.

ART. 1. There shall be held, in the town of Plymouth, annually, two stated meetings of the society, one on the last Monday of May, and the other on the twenty-second day of December, except when that day shall be on the Sabbath, and then it shall be on the next Monday.

ART. 2. All officers of the society shall be annually chosen at the meeting in May, by a major ballot of the members present, and not less than twelve members shall make a quorum for the choice of officers or the admission of members.

ART. 3. There shall be a President, whose duty shall be to preside at all its meetings, and in case of his absence, a President shall be appointed for the time, by the Trustees present.

ART. 4. There shall be a Recording Secretary, whose duty shall be to keep a fair record of all the transactions of the society, and preserve its files and keep the common seal.

ART. 5. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary, who shall receive and read all communications to and from the society, and manage all the correspondence under the direction of the Trustees.

ART. 6. There shall be a Treasurer, who shall give bond for the faithful discharge of his trust, shall receive and preserve all evidences of property; shall

pay out money only to the order of the Trustees, keep a fair account of all his doings, and annually exhibit and settle his books with the Trustees in the month of May previous to the Annual Meeting.

ART. 7. There shall be a Board of nine Trustees, not less than three of whom shall constitute a quorum for doing business, they shall manage the finances and property of the society, solicit and procure funds for the objects of the institution, settle and exhibit the state of the treasury annually in the month of May, and procure some person to deliver an address before the society at their anniversary in the month of December. They shall call special meetings of the society in the town of Plymouth, when requested in writing by twelve members setting forth the cause and object of the meeting. They shall prescribe forms of certificates of membership.

ART. 8. There shall be a Librarian, who shall also be Cabinet-Keeper.

ART. 9. There shall be a standing Committee of Arrangements to consist of three persons, who shall provide for and regulate the celebration of the anniversary.

ART. 10. All expenses incurred by any public dinner shall be discharged by the persons dining, and shall be collected by the person providing the entertainment, and shall not be included in the current expenses of the society.

ART. 11. No person shall be admitted a member into this society, unless he sustain a good moral character, and pay into the hands of the Treasurer Ten Dollars for the objects of this institution, when he shall be entitled to a certificate of membership provided by the Trustees.

ART. 12. Any person may be proposed as an honorary member of the society to the Board of Trustees, whose name shall by them be reported at the next meeting, and the applicant shall be admitted or rejected by a majority of ballots, according to article second of this Constitution.

ART. 13. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made, but after a proposition therefor, in open meeting shall have been made six months previously; nor then but by a vote of two thirds of the members present, and not less than twenty members shall be a quorum for holding such meetings.

ART. 14. The Trustees shall have power for one year, to admit members, qualified as in the eleventh article, at their discretion, and after one year they shall receive applications for admission of members, as aforesaid, and lay such applications and recommendations before the society.

The following propositions having been proposed at the semi-annual meeting on December 22, 1820, for the consideration of the society, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, were at an adjourned meeting, June 25, 1821, adopted by the society, and ordered to be recorded as part of the Constitution of this society, viz.

That the power given to the Trustees for the admission of members be extended for one year more.

That one Vice-President may be chosen, and that the President and Vice-President be ex-officio Trustees.

That one or more Trustees may be chosen in addition to the number provided for.

That where the expression of "six months previously" is required as in the thirteenth article be so amended as to read at the preceding stated meeting,

HONORARY MEMBERS.

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 His Excellency John Brooks, of Medford, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
 His Honor William Phillips, of Boston, Lieutenant Governor.
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 Rev. John T. Kirkland, President of Harvard University.
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